

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; April 24th marks the 148th anniversary of Arbor Day, an international holiday dedicated to the planting of trees, in the United States; and

WHEREAS; Arbor Day has been celebrated by our state's school kids since 1883, and has been officially observed in Wisconsin on the last Friday in April since 1981; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's trees and forests are among our state's most beautiful natural resources, and are important to our economy, environment, public health, and collective identity as Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; using science to educate our kids, families, and communities about sustainable forestry in Wisconsin is vital to the long-term conservation of our trees and forests; and

WHEREAS; the demands on our forest resources necessitate an increased awareness of their economic, social, cultural, and ecological values, as well as an individual commitment to the study and appreciation of trees and forests; and

WHEREAS; this Arbor Day and Forest Appreciation Week, all Wisconsinites are encouraged to spend time outdoors, plant and care for trees, and show their gratitude towards the professionals who dedicate their time to preserving our state's forests;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 24, 2020, as

ARBOR DAY

and April 19 – 25, 2020, as

FOREST APPRECIATION WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 7th day
of April 2020.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State